My dear sister Horace [illegible] Aug 22nd 1839 [illegible] Pepper I suppose our mails
not [illegible] yesterday [illegible] one of you, papers that a ship is soon
to sail for Singapore & will forward letters &c to Java & I immediately resolved that you
should not again suffer the disappointment of a ship[illegible] without letters for you
I do think your friends in America have been very neglectful to write you & I
shall endeavor to clear myself & dear husband from the charge by commencing a letter & I
think not to be able to fill my sheet— When I read the letter you wrote sister
Talbot & afterwards saw Br Johnson's letter in the Missionary I felt that you needed the prayers &
sympathies of all your friends to support you under your many trials & when I thought of
your own children & the[illegible] I knew a want of your dear little girl, my heart was pained
& I wished to see you that I might mingle my tears with yours, but as we cannot expect the gratifi-
cation; such a wish I shall repress that I am allowed the privilege of writing you; I hope at times
I can in the last degree, be the means of encouraging your heart, strengthening your hands & cheering
& helping you to look away a sure & merciful God — While watching over our dear little
son with admiring his growing playfulness, his[illegible] sweetness, his manifest
affection & fondness for his parents, & his healthy & happy countenance, I have endeavored
to realize with what feelings I could see him laying with sickness, struggling
with death & then buried in the grave & all this too, when far from the friends
of former days, without their sympathies, among strangers in a strange & heathen
land; & I fear that poor, weak human nature would sink under it— Had you
not a Divine Saviour to support you, dear brother & sister, your situation would be
[illegible] indeed, but He knows your trials & He will bind up your broken hearts
& will not afflict willingly; He moves us for your good & He takes but what he gave
& we want you to rejoice, that your dear little ones are thus early removed from this
world of sin & suffering & safely lodged in mansions of eternal rest— We are apt to
neglect when our pleasant[illegible] is too prone to murmur when they are taken
and I rejoice that you find submission sweet; that you are enabled to "kiss the rod"
& acquiesce— I doubt not but you will find your usefulness increased in consequence of your afflictions
Your being obliged to leave your house under such circumstances must have been a sacri-
fice, but if it results in good to the cause of Christ— I know you will rejoice in it—
We too have built a house & as[illegible] government allowed us from 60 to 80 we engaged
a[illegible] & commodious, a pleasant & convenient habitation— Do not, dear sister, suppose for one moment that
a thought of your being forgotten, we very often speak of you & do not receive a letter from
without[illegible] in it of[illegible] Maria— Your letters do us good, they bring the brethren
nearer to us & enliven us in our missionary[illegible] we want more of them & hope
to be[illegible] by your[illegible] in writing you to claim one of[illegible] more frequent
[illegible] In noticing your unwillingness that your health should hinder your wishes
I see you indulged in just such[illegible] as I did— But soon as I was convinced at home I felt that my usefulness was at an end— I prayer meetings & conference
meetings were diminishing in numbers & decreasing in interest & I was ready
to complain because I could not attend— Since the birth of Maria I have not had
any one to help me do my work & of course have been constantly confined with
them— It has been such a trial to me that I often think if ministers wives could
be excused from having families they would be much more useful— don't you think
so? Still I think it was very wrong to indulge such feelings & hope hereafter I
shall be willing to bear any burden which may be placed upon me without repining
The Lord can carry on His own work with equal ease, whether we are sick or well
& we ought to be content to be nothing & do nothing if it is His will. We have
too much pride Dear Sister I fear, let us pray for humility— Most of this grace, as
I think, a great hindrance to the usefulness of christians in the dear country at
the present day— When you write us tell us if you receive any of our religious papers
& if you like to have us send some as we have opportunity— tell us also
all about your manner of living & let us know all your trials— If christians
were more enlightened on the subject of missions many of them would
[illegible] prove for them— I think we do not suffice with[illegible] of
& self denials &c we are obliged to make & from which we are strictly exempt
at the Sabbath night. Husband has gone up to[illegible] out of the Gurney
to preach— little Mary has just waked up very pleasant & is now sitting
on my lap tossing the cards[illegible] for— your little Mary was this only cousin
& must step[illegible] Bower will[illegible] to write[illegible] of her— your sister Clarissa

Dear Brother S. Lesher — I regret you have not heard from your friends in America oftener. I intended to write you once a year — but now the 3d year of your missionary life has come and this is my second letter. The waste you a long letter which I presume your home received ere this is true. I wished many particulars relative to your native land. What the Lord is doing — Such I doubted not but to be. A letter of little particulars & great ones also will be very acceptable at this time — We are come in hope that peace & love may be one full of anxiety & solicitude fearing that there would has been one full of anxiety & solicitude fearing that there would be a divorce — Miss Stein — And the General assembly has just closed its session — & it how true and more harmonious that in 1835 — The Rev Albert Barnes of Philadelphia was by appeal of Phil Silenced & cleared in any way from performing the functions of a gospel minister — He appealed to the Presbytery formations of a gospel minister — He appealed to the Presbytery & it was not cleared — On this subject there has been much but it was now cleared — On this subject there has been much but it was now cleared — On this subject there has been much but it was now

The years past revivals of religion ~~have prevailed~~ have not been as frequent & numerous ~~as~~ years that are past. It is God alone remember Zion. In Missouri & Texas have been extensive revivals the past winter. & in other parts of our Conf. I do not think infidelity is gaining ground as it was during the time you left. Fanny Wright's system almost fails. Mormonism & Calvinism seems as many blows by the abandonment of its adherents that it progresses slowly. Mormonism still prevails in some sections of the country. But generally it is ~~going~~ dying for life. Our danger as from the Catholics, they are increasing. But light is pouring powerfully on this subject. & facts are brought out frequently from this den of abomination which ~~the~~ the nations. And even while I write. A number of Seamstresses from Montreal, are praying about New York to get into their possession Maria Monk who escaped from a convent & has published to the world the deeds of darkness which she was witnessed. Could they get her she would be murdered without delay. But our only hope is in the Lord. Unless the Lord reigns we perish as a nation. But he will do it. We see brightness breaking in the cloud. Notwithstanding all this darkness. There is an ~~over~~ increasing feeling for the conversion of the world to God. Our hearts were pained by the intelligence of the death of your little ones. But still ought we not to rejoice. By Candles at Ellicottville said to me (you know him well Br. P.) Br Preston. Your much better off is my little family than yours you have two little sons in this dangerous wicked world. I have three little daughters in Heaven. & not you with them. Br. P. & Br. C. & May they are with my Father. So we should say & feel. Then you can rejoice. It is now almost 2 years since we saw Bower. We heard from him last week. They say he is a sweet boy. Our little ~~Some~~ Clarence. Earth as a mark lonely babe. His parents not being ~~of~~ Elders. He mild disposition & sweet. ~~&~~ ~~&~~ playful. but seldom manifests any angry passions. then in a moment subdued to Resign. & love. I know not even one dear mother since I saw you. We shall start if God will in a few weeks for Vt. Elder Rud Harvey is dead. died the last of May. What an affliction for that good woman. Many of our acquaintances & friends in Rupert are gone before us to eternity. Other letter will probably mention them. Ogden is still in Rensselaer town. I hope doing good. Br. I shall recommend the Lis Chester as of sentiment ~~not~~ I hear. I never spoke to. Now dear brother & sister. I must close by commending you to the care of Israels God. This is a pleasure to us. we love to pray for blessings to rest upon you. Your trials ~~&~~ known are great. but your reward will be greater. Each your ~~support~~ hope will be your support. Triumph him your conquer. & rejoice the darkness be around you we read with interest every thing from Sion. It is in our hearts to come you. while on earth you shall have our sympathies & prayers. And may our Father in Heaven engrave for his sons sake that we in eternity. in Heaven together we may tell over trials over & sing praises to the Lamb forever & ever. Thus through Grace we are Christ Spirit. Do write us as often as time will admit. ~~&~~ ~~&~~ ~~&~~

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